

MINUTES OF THE JULY MONTHLY MEETING
OF
THE LONGVIEW/EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The meeting was called to order by President John Zenter AE5OY at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 19, 2014. A reading of the previous month's meeting was made and a motion to approve was made by Jim Quinn AA5CX and seconded by Cliff Scott AE5ZA and was approved by a majority show of hands. The treasurer's report for the current reporting period was read and a motion to accept was made by Gary Lewis WG5L and seconded by Jim Quinn AJ1MQ and was accepted by a majority show of hands.

Gary Lewis WG5L then presented the monthly program on the evolution and current status of the DSTAR process. Gary presented the history of DSTAR from its development in Japan and 48 users in 2006 to its current world wide usage with approximately 31,500 registered users. Gary's presentation is taken from the 2014 Dayton Hamvention DSTAR presentation and is currently available on the internet.

After a break for refreshments, the business portion of the meeting continued with a brief discussion of Field Day results. A complete tabulation is not yet available but should be ready by the next monthly meeting.

President John Zenter announced to the club that new Gordon West license study materials will soon be made available for checkout for those wishing to obtain a license or to upgrade. The study materials currently consist of 2 Technician courses and 1 General Class course. The courses consist of a CD, a study guide and sample tests and should be available shortly.

John Zenter announced that a hamfest will be held in Austin on August 1 and 2 and that a hamfest will be held in Shreveport on August 9. More information is available on the internet.

VE testing will be held this afternoon at LeTourneau University at 2:00 pm. All available VE's are welcome to assist.

A tentative DSTAR programming course has been scheduled for August 23. More information will be available at the August monthly meeting.

After a thorough discussion, it was decided that the next monthly LETARC dinner would be held at 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 3 at Papacita's.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

ATTENDEES

Terry Johnson	KG5WO	John Zenter	AE5OY
Dean Patterson	KE5AVH	Robert Parham	KD5OUF
Jay Rowe	KF5VBO	Jim Rogers	N5VGQ
Jim Quinn	AJ1MQ	Priscilla Quinn	AA5PQ
Arlie Long	N5RDD	Richard Fleming	N3DNU
Cliff Scott	AE5ZA	Gary Lewis	WG5L
Jim Quinn	AA5CX	Butch Ragland	KE5OHC

TREASURER'S REPORT
07/19/2014 TO 08/15/2014

Brought forward from the last reporting period was an account balance of \$923.89 consisting of \$21.28 DSTAR funds and \$902.61 club funds. Income for this reporting period is \$25.00 membership dues from Robert Stoker KD5FJL. Expenses for this period are \$16.50 to the Donut Palace for donuts for the July club meeting. This leaves an account balance of \$932.39 which consists of \$21.28 DSTAR funds and \$911.11 club funds.